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ZIMMERMAN, WATERS AND ALLIED FAMILIES. By Dorothy Edmonstone Zimmerman Allen, n. p., n. d. [1910] pp. 162, with 18 illustrations.

This volume, apparently printed for private circulation, as no date, place of publication or publishers are given, contains genealogies of portions of the Zimmerman family, (descended from Christopher Zimmerman, who came to Virginia in 1717). Somersall, Catlett, Taliaferro, Kempe, Waters, Edmonstone (Md.), Beall, Brooke (Md.), Magruder, Neale (Md.), with good indexes. The whole book shows careful and conscientious work, though the genealogies are, chiefly, confined to one allied line of the respective families. Mrs. Allen has added, from various publications in regard to Kent, some interesting information in regard to the Catletts of Sittingbourne, and gives a picture of the church at that place. She also adds to the information regarding the Kemps of Gissing, Suffolk, from whom the Virginia family undoubtedly came. In connection with this she quotes a portion of a pedigree recently published by J. J. Muskett, the learned historian of "Suffolk Manorial Families," in which Mr. Muskett makes Richard Kemp, Secretary of Virginia, and Edmund Kemp of Virginia, brothers of Sir Robert Kemp, the first baronet. Richard Kemp was no doubt his brother; but Richard, in his will dated 1649, bequeaths to his "brother Mr. Edward Kempe," £5, and to his "nephew Edmund Kempe," "one new servant this year, two coves next yeare and five hundred pounds of Tobacco to be paid him next yeare towards his buildings." There does not appear to have been but one Edmund Kemp in Virginia at this time, and he was evidently Richard's nephew, not his brother.

Mrs. Allen is to be congratulated on her good work.

"OF SCEPTRED RACE." By Annah Robinson Watson, author of "Some Notable Families of America," "A Royal Lineage," etc., Memphis, Tenn

"Of Sceptred Race," now in press, is a volume which will doubtless appeal not only to members of the various families named in its pages, but to all who care for an artistic presentment of the study of ancestry. Its handsome form and illustrations will make a most attractive setting for its contents, which treat briefly of the subject in general and then give the direct lines of descent from Alfred the Great, and other sovereigns, to distinguished American families. Not only these families will find the record of value, but a much larger circle, not mentioned by name, who share the same lineage.

"Of Sceptred Race" is distinctly American in tone, representing no specific section of country and no organization; the individuals appearing in its chapters being members of many national historic orders.

Among the families traced back to royal or noble ancestry are those of Washington, Lee, Reade, Lewis, Throckmorton, Meriwether, Prescott, Taylor, Rose, Roosevelt, Walker, O'Neill, Gill, Mansfield, Talcott, Saltonstall, Corder, Warner, Fauntleroy, West, Watson, Farnsworth, White, Robinson, Mosher, Holliday, Bond, Story, Johnson, Hogan, Winchester, Wilbour, Howard, Perkins.

President Lyon Gardner Tyler, of William and Mary College, and Reverend Horace Edwin Hayden, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, author of "Virginia Genealogies," who have read the manuscript, speak in high terms of the value of the book and the careful manner in which the work has been done.

WISE'S DIGESTED INDEX AND GENEALOGICAL GUIDE TO BISHOP MEADE'S OLD CHURCHES, MINISTERS AND FAMILIES OF VIRGINIA. The Colonial Society, Box 343, Richmond, Va.

This valuable index, the work of Mr Jennings C. Wise, of the Richmond bar, will appear about the first of April.

The noted work to which it refers, has, as is well known, no index, and that prepared by the late Dr. Toner, is not only much less complete than that of Mr. Wise; but from its scarcity commands a high price. It is useless for those who know Bishop Meade's book (and all students of Virginia history and genealogy do know it) to speak of its great need of an index. Mr. Wise's work has been very well done and will be most useful.

VIRGINIA COLONIAL DECISIONS. THE REPORTS BY SIR JOHN RANDOLPH AND BY EDWARD BARRADALL OF DECISIONS OF THE GENERAL COURT OF VIRGINIA, 1728-1741. Edited, with historical introduction by R. T. Barton. Boston, Mass., The Boston Book Company, 1902, 2 vols., pp. (1) xxviii, 250, R., 118; (2) B. 393, with portrait of Sir John Randolph.

It was expected that a review of this valuable work would appear in this number of the Magazine, but circumstances have compelled a delay until July.